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5 Applicant: Bitler et al

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Title: Polymeric Thickeners for Oil-containing Compositions

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

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SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY

Sir,

This paper is a supplemental reply to the Office Action mailed July 31, 2002.

Reexamination, reconsideration and allowance of the rejected claims are respectfully requested in view of the Remarks below, particularly in view of the law cited below and the accompanying declaration of David C. Steinberg, expert on the chemistry of cosmetic products.

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1. New Matter Rejection and The Rejection of Claims 1-5, 9-12, 20, 37 and 38 for Lack of Written Description

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The specification was amended to add "the polymeric thickener should be used in an amount sufficient to thicken the oil"

Each of claims 1-5, 9-12, 20, 37 and 38 requires, directly or indirectly, that the

30 SCC polymer" is present in amount such that it thickens the oil".

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